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SUBJECT: EXTERNAL RESEARCH: DEFENSE (DARPA) STUDY OF
"FUTURE KOREAN SECURITY ISSUES"

1. DOD HAS ASKED DEPARTMENT TO REVIEW FOR POLITICAL SENSITIVITY SUBJECT STUDY, TO BE CONDUCTED BY HUDSON INSTITUTE. STUDY WILL EXAMINE SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF SEVERAL POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE COURSES OF ROK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, DESCRIBED FOR EXAMPLE IN TERMS OF DIFFERENT MIXES OF TYPES OF INDUSTRIES AND INVESTMENTS. TAKING EACH HYPOTHETICAL COURSE IN TURN AS A SCENARIO, STUDY WILL INVESTIGATE EFFECT EACH WOULD HAVE ON ROK SECURITY POSTURE, FOR EXAMPLE ON ROK MILITARY INDUSTRIAL BASE, MANPOWER, DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN TRADE AND RESOURCES, AND IN GENERAL ON ROK MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT AND ABILITY TO MAINTAIN IT. NO FOREIGN TRAVEL BY RESEARCHERS WOULD BE FINANCED BY THIS

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DEFENSE PROJECT EXCEPT TO ATTEND CONFERENCE TO BE HELD

IN KOREA NOVEMBER 13-17, 1973 UNDER OTHER AUSPICES AS DESCRIBED IN FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH.

2. THE ACTUAL PROJECTION OF ALTERNATIVE ECONOMIC FUTURES, FROM WHICH THE SUBJECT PROJECT WILL DRAW ITS DATA BASE, WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY HUDSON UNDER FUNDING FROM ASIATIC RESEARCH CENTER (ARC) AND AID, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION SUPPLIED TO DEFENSE BY HUDSON. HUDSON SAYS THIS ARC/AID

PROJECT, BUT NOT DEFENSE PROJECT, HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH AMBASSADOR HABIB BY HUDSON DIRECTOR HERMAN KAHN. CONFERENCE MENTIONED PRECEDING PARA. REPORTEDLY PART OF ARC/AID PROJECT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT EMBASSY COMMENT ON WHETHER OR NOT CONDUCT OF PROPOSED DEFENSE STUDY AS DESCRIBED PARA. ONE WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT U.S. FOREIGN RELATIONS; AND WHAT IF ANY MODIFICATIONS WOULD BE NECESSARY TO PRECLUDE SUCH ADVERSE EFFECTS. APPRECIATE PROMPT REPLY SINCE DEFENSE NEEDS CONTRACTING LEAD TIME TO PERMIT HUDSON TO COORDINATE WITH PROJECT DESCRIBED PARA. TWO. WOULD APPRECIATE ALSO ANY COMMENTS EMBASSY MAY HAVE ON LATTER PROJECT, INCLUDING WHETHER IT FUNDED BY AID MISSION SEOUL. RUSH

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